

Forest Service **Uinta National Forest**

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Mr. Daron Haddock Utah Division of Oil, Gas and Mining 1594 West North Temple, Suite 1210 Salt Lake City, UT 84114-5801

Dear Mr. Haddock:

The Uinta NF received a copy of the report submitted by Mr. Richard Davis title "Notice of Intention to Commence Small Mining Operations Rock Canyon Quarry" Utah County, Utah. This report dated February 1, 2006, was prepared by JBR Environmental Consultants and was sent to your office for review and apparent action.

Please be advised that the Forest Service has not received any requests or proposals from Mr. Davis to seek access to his properties which lies within the National Forest boundary east of Provo City via Rock Canyon. Access to Mr. Davis's property would cross National Forest System lands and the Forest Service according to Federal laws and agency policy must review and approve such access requests before issuing permits. Mr. Davis has not formally contacted the Forest Service with his intentions, nor has he identified the particular needs to transport quarried rock across the forest. Issues that must be addressed but no limited to would include to protect for possible upgrade to a Forest Service road in Rock Canyon, protect an existing permitted municipal water pipeline to Provo City, public safety since many local residences and visitors use the road for hiking and other recreational activities, visual qualities, air quality including dust from possible vehicle use and other natural resources such as wildlife and water quality.

The Forest Service is concerned with any action by the Division to grant approval for any rock quarrying operation without our involvement in authorizing use of National Forest System Land for Mr. Davis's activities.

If you have any questions or comments please feel free to contact Kim Martin, Forest Engineer, or John Logan, Public Service Group Leader, at (801) 342-5100.

Sincerely,

DAN S. DALLAS

Acting Forest Supervisor

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